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1. I am a co-inventor of, and familiar with, the present U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/021,403, filed December 12, 2001, in the name of Robert Schwartz, and entitled "ADMINISTRATION OF NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE TO FEMALE ANIMAL TO ENHANCE